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1. The North Korean Ministry of Heavy Industry requisitions materials from the USSR in the following manner:
 - a. Before 31 December (the end of the fiscal year for the North Korean Government), the Office of Supply of the Ministry prepares a requisition of materials needed for the following year and submits it to the National Planning Board.
 - b. The National Planning Board examines the list and submits it to the Cabinet Council for approval.
 - c. Following Cabinet approval, the Ministry of Heavy Industry submits the requisition to the Ministry of Trade, who in turn takes it to the Soviet Embassy and makes arrangements to import the necessary materials.
 - d. The imported materials are delivered to agencies under the Ministry of Trade in Sinuiju (N 40-06, E 124-23) [] Namyang (N 42-58, E 129-51) [] and Manp'ojin (N 41-09, E 126-17) []. At these places they are transferred to the Office of Supply under the Ministry of Heavy Industry.
2. The Ministry of Heavy Industry exports lead, zinc, gold, silver, and copper ores to the USSR. These ores are first refined at ore processing plants near the mines. The mines in North P'yongan, South P'yongan, and Hwanghae Provinces send their ores to Sinuiju and Antung. From there they are forwarded to Manchouli (N 49-36, E 117-27) through Mukden and Harbin. The mines in Chakang Province send their ores to Manp'ojin, where they are forwarded to Manchouli through Chian (N 41-10, E 126-12). The ores from the mines in North Hamgyong and South Hamgyong Provinces are sent to Namyang and then to T'umen (N 42-54, E 129-48).

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3. The following mines send refined ores to the USSR:

- a. The Nakvŏn Lead Mine [] near Naksan (N 38-16, E 125-09)
[] Its ore is transported by truck to P'yŏngyang, and then by rail to Sindhju.

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- b. The Nakson Lead Mine [] near Su-dong (N 42-09, E 130-05)
[] Its ore is sent by truck to Najin (N 42-15, E 130-17) [] and then by rail to T'umen.

- c. The Kŭmtŏk Lead Mine [] in Puktuil-myŏn (N 40-53, E 128-44)
[] The mine sends its ore by truck to Yŏngha (N 41-16, E 128-42) [] and then by rail, through Paegam (N 41-14, E 128-48) [] and Komusan (N 42-07, E 129-42) [] to T'umen.

- d. The Sankok Lead Mine [] near Moregi (N 39-16, E 126-59)
[] Its ore is transported by truck to Kowŏn (N 39-26, E 127-15) [] and then by rail to Manp'ojin.

- e. The Koksan Gold Mine [] near Paengnyŏn (N 38-56, E 126-58)
[] Its ore is sent by truck to Sindhju.

4. The Hŭich'ŏn (N 40-10, E 126-16) [] Automobile Parts Factory has been exporting automobile parts to the USSR through Manp'ojin since September 1952.

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5. The following items are being imported from the Soviet Union: trucks, gasoline, motorcycles, tires, lathes, drills, waxes, and lubricants.²

[] Comments

1. See [] how the Office of Supply handles the imported materials at Sindhju, Namyang, and Manp'ojin.

2. [] items imported from the USSR included conveyor belts, nails, drills, wire rope, compressors, insulated wire, gasoline, wire netting, tires, bolts, nuts, files, and lacing.

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